



## Executive Directive 11 (2005)

### COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION AND URBAN GROWTH POLICIES

The quality of urban growth, especially in Virginia's cities, is important to the well being of the entire Commonwealth, and integrated transportation and land use policies are important foundations for high quality urban growth in Virginia. A systematic look at opportunities for improving the quality of urban growth through transportation and land use policies is needed and a study commission provides the appropriate vehicle for such an examination.

To accomplish this, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Article V of the *Constitution of Virginia* and by Section 2.2-134 of the *Code of Virginia*, I hereby create the Commission on Transportation and Urban Growth Policies.

#### **The Commission**

The Commission shall consist of 17 members, including but not limited to local elected officials, local government managers, academic experts, business, and citizen representatives.

The Commission shall:

1. Establish a statewide framework for high quality urban growth in Virginia.
2. Identify any obstacles to high quality urban growth, including any inappropriate or outdated transportation, land use, or open space policies or programs.
3. Identify long-term savings in transportation initiatives by utilizing alternative sources of energy through the promotion of transit-oriented development in Virginia.
4. Identify possible legislative, regulatory and incentive programs to support transit-oriented development and open space preservation in Virginia

5. Evaluate regional smart growth land use studies and the potential advantages and disadvantages of such studies.
6. Examine other issues as appropriate.

The Governor may appoint additional members to the Commission at his discretion. The Commission shall meet at the call of the chairman. The Governor shall designate the chairman.

The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations by no later than December 31, 2005.

### **Commission Staffing and Funding**

Necessary staff support for the Commission's work during its existence shall be furnished by the Office of the Secretary of Transportation, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and such other agencies and offices as designated by the Governor. An estimated 200 hours of staff time will be required to support the working groups.

Necessary funding to support the working groups shall be provided from such sources as the Governor may designate. The total estimated direct cost for these working groups is \$10,000. Working group members shall serve without compensation and shall receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties.

### **Effective Date of this Executive Directive**

This Executive Directive shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in force and effect until December 31, 2005, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 17th day of October 2005.

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Mark R. Warner, Governor